

News Release

International Education Week at U of M Crookston November 10-15, 2013, brings excitement with International Market and Special Guest Speaker, Katy Westrom

*By Itollefs on Wednesday, October 30, 2013*A week of events is slated at the University of Minnesota Crookston during International Education Week, Sunday, November 10 through Friday, November 15, 2013. From culinary creations to an international market, International Education Week will include adventures from around the world.

The community is invited to attend several events on campus during the week in celebration of International Week:

On Sunday, November 10, at 7 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, special guest speaker, Katy Westrom, daughter of Professor Lyle Westom, will speak about her journey traveling around the world. She will talk about her experience with The World Race, a mission trip spanning 11 countries in 11 months. The presentation is co-sponsored by Campus Ministries in conjunction with the Study Abroad Club. Katy is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and currently teaches music at Wadena Public School.

On Monday, November 11, in Brown Dining Room enjoy international cuisine during a lunch from the four corners of the world. Featured countries are Africa, Germany, Brazil, and Japan. The public is welcome to join the campus for lunch at a cost of 7.65 + tax per person served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. From 2-3 p.m. in the Bede Ballroom A & B students from the English as a Second Language (ESL) class and students from the intercultural communication course will present on various topics. Teaching Specialist, Carol Simmons and Associate Professor, Rachel McCoppin paired students together in order to give students an applied intercultural communication experience. Using the skills and knowledge they have learned students are required to speak one sentence in their partners' native language and prepare a 5 minute presentation. Presentations will also be held on Friday, November 15. The community is encouraged to attend.

On Tuesday, November 12, an international art & photography contest will be held in the Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center from 10-2p.m. Everyone is invited to view artwork and photograph exhibits by students as well as vote for their personal favorite. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to wear traditional clothing celebrating their heritage during the day. From 1-5p.m. the Multicultural and International Club will host an event called "A Day without Shoes" in the International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center. The collection drive will receive shoe donations of all sizes. Everyone is encouraged to bring shoes they don't wear anymore. These donations are sent to people around the world.

An International Market will be held on Wednesday, November 13 in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. There will be items for sale from 2 - 7 p.m. including handcrafts, art, food, and more. Everyone is encouraged to visit the market and shop. The event is sponsored by the Study Abroad Club and Multicultural and International Club (MIC). These events are all open to the public.

On Thursday, November 14, there will be student presentations from those who have experienced traveling abroad. Presentations will take place in the Prairie Lounge. Featured counties are, New Zealand from 12-1 p.m; China from 1-2 p.m. and Spain from 3:30 -4:30 p.m. students will talk about their experiences traveling abroad and what they learned from it. Special appetizers will be served during each session. This event is free and open to the public.

On Friday, November 15, things really heat up on campus with the "How Hot is Hot? Hot Sauce Contest" which will be held at 12 p.m. in the Northern Lights Lounge. From 2-3 p.m. in Bede Ballroom students form the English as a Second Language (ESL) class and the Intercultural Communication course will conclude their presentations. The community is encouraged to attend. Today the University of Minnesota Crookston delivers 28 bachelor's degree programs, 20 minors, and 39 concentrations on campus--as well as 11 degrees online--in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

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